

East Multnomah County Transportation Committee

City of Fairview

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Multnomah County

Port of Portland

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 14, 2018, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Gresham City Hall, 1333 Northwest Eastman Parkway

Members

Lori Stegmann

Tim Clark

Phil Healy

Jerry Hinton

Ted Tosterud

Representing

Multnomah County

City of Wood Village

Port of Portland

City of Gresham

City of Fairview

EMCTC Staff

Katherine Kelly

Chris Damgen

John Niiyama

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Joanna Valencia

Jessica Berry

Scott Adams

Natalie Klingsporn

Jamie Snook

Eve Nilenders

Representing

City of Gresham

City of Troutdale

City of Wood Village

City of Fairview

Multnomah County

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Metro

TriMet

Guests

Jake Warr

Shirley Craddick

Paul Scarlett

Brian Monberg

Craig Beebe

Representing

ODOT

Metro

ODOT

City of Gresham

Metro

- **Welcome and Introductions**

Lori Stegmann called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm

- **Opportunity for Public Comment**

Jessica Berry introduced two new Multnomah County staff. Natalie Klingsporn (Intern in the Transportation Planning and Development Program) and Scott Adams (new Transportation Planner in the Transportation Planning and Development program).

- **Review and Adoption of April 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes – All**

Action Item

Motion to approve by Tim Clark. Seconded by Phil Healy.

- **ODOT Summer Construction Projects – Paul Scarlett, ODOT**

Paul Scarlett from ODOT provided an update on several ODOT projects that will be under construction this summer. Projects include:

- Slide fix on I-82 East of Cascade Locks
- US _ road, bridge on 282nd, raising bridge so that tall freight vehicles can fit.
- I-205 Johnson Creek Blvd to Glen Jackson Bridge paving. NB (northbound)/SB (southbound), SB Aux lane I-84 to Powell. NB side inside NB lane phase I to widen inside lane from Powell to I-84 westbound. Also new on ramp from I-84 from Killingsworth. Those areas will be paved later.
 - Phase II – construction of this will be later (VMS, directional signs, etc.) this is a trigger project. Part of legislature and must be complete by December 2019.
 - Shared use path in Maywood Park will be reconstructed parallel to I-205. Work to be done from Summer to late Fall.
- 82nd Avenue – signal upgrades at SE Foster, Woodstock, Flavel. South in Clackamas County – other improvements include paving, ADA ramps, and addressing abandoned driveway closures.
- I-5 at I-84 ramps. Ramps will be closed for up to 2 weeks at a time to retrofit and fix bridges. Serves most traffic in the region with 147k vehicles per day. Impacts will occur and an education campaign will take place. This will happen in July/August.
- I-5 paving as well from the light rail line (?) to the Bridge. (NB and SB).

Mayor Tosterud asked how emergency vehicles will use the facility. Paul noted that there will be a great deal of outreach prior to the closures. He also provided website information for each of the projects. He noted they understand the impacts are difficult for people but that ODOT has an obligation to maintain the system as best the can. Chris Damgen asked, do we know when detour routes will be posted? He noted that it will be good to know as soon as that is posted so they can notify their constituents as well. Paul noted that ODOT is not recommending people take specific detour routes because of the impact that will have on any specific route. They do promote all other mobility options to try to reduce impacts.

- **Metro Update – Affordable Homes: Draft Framework – Craig Beebe, Metro**

Craig gave an update on the regional affordable housing bond that Metro is working on. He noted that Jes Larson was here several months ago to provide an overview. He noted that metro has been working on the housing issue for many years. He noted that the bond measure is one of the strategies that has been identified to build new homes and acquire land to build homes. Metro and advisory committees have been very active over the past few months. Technical advisory committee and stakeholder advisory committee. They've also hired community partners to do outreach around the region. In late April they produced a draft framework which he walked the group through.

Core Values:

- Lead with Racial Equity,

- Provide housing for people not well served by the market
- provide new access to opportunities (places where it hasn't been traditionally provided), invest in areas that are affordable now so that they stay that way
- Provide a mix of housing types, deliver what we promise

He noted that there is a constitutional amendment that will be on the ballot that will address who can fund and implement affordable housing. Currently only government agencies can do this when funded with a general obligation bond. The amendment would allow government agencies to work with nongovernmental agencies to implement. He noted that they have developed 2 projected outcomes based on whether or not the measure passes.

He provided a 2-page handout about the project. He noted that they're on a fast timeline, final recommendation goes to Metro council on May 29th. On June 7th they're expected to have a public hearing on the item.

Mayor Tosterud asked if median family income will vary by jurisdiction. Craig noted that it is defined regionwide. Mayor Tosterud also noted that he thinks the percentage for administration is too high (7%). Commissioner Stegmann asked if Metro will have projects ready to execute right away. Craig noted that yes, they want to get people in homes as quickly as they can. Scott Adams asked if the housing stock proposed is reflective of the regions demographics. Craig noted that he is not sure but that they have decided to place an emphasis on family housing because it is lacking in the affordable housing market. Councilor Craddick noted that Metro has experience working with developers on a similar program, the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) program.

- **Columbia Gorge Express** – Jake Warr, ODOT

Jake Warr introduced himself and provided a background and what changes are coming. He noted that in 2015 there was an Oregon solutions projects to try to figure out how to address congestion issues in the Gorge. One idea that came from that was to do a transit study. Out of the study, the Columbia Gorge Express (CGE) was developed. He noted that when it started in Summer of 2015 it traveled between Gateway Transit Center and Multnomah Falls and between Rooster Rock State Park and Multnomah Falls to serve the dual purpose of providing access for people who didn't want to or couldn't drive to the falls and as a shuttle for overflow parking. He noted that over the last two years of service they had a lot more riders than they had anticipated. Jake then spoke about what changes would take place this year. First, he noted that due to the fire, both the historic highway and many sites along it are closed right now. He noted that The CGE is looking to provide service to other places that people may want to visit in the Gorge. This includes new service to Hood River with a stop in Cascade Locks, which will start this summer. Service will begin May 25th with weekend service from 8:30 am leaving Gateway and the last service from Hood River will arrive at Gateway at 8:30 pm. He noted that there will be daily service starting June 11th. The service will be approximately every hour, every day of the week. Service hours will be shorter on Monday through Thursday. He noted they're trying to keep the service as affordable as possible. There is a \$12 day pass and other passes for purchases online. He noted they have a long-term vision of transit service around the mountain. They're working on a study with partners to see how they can use the existing local service to connect all services to work together and connect routes.

Mayor Clark asked what they'll do when the gates at the Falls are closed. Jake noted there will be someone on site that will know to open the gate for the bus (and not let other vehicles in). Mayor Clark noted that they would love to have a stop along the Halsey Street Corridor. Jake noted that long term there should be other options about places to serve. Councilor Craddick asked about current and long term funding. Jake noted that currently the service is funded with Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) funds. They're currently looking at how to provide longer term funding because that funding will run out eventually. Mayor Clark asked how much the fees cover the cost of the program. He noted that they're projected to bring in about 27% of the cost of operation

through fees. Mayor Clark asked about ideas for sponsorship. Jake noted that the Mount Hood Express has some experience with that. Mayor Tosterud noted that he would like to have a stop at Fairview Parkway and Halsey Street.

- **Regional Transit Strategy and System Expansion**– Jamie Snook, Metro

Jamie gave an update on the Regional Transit Strategy and System Expansion, which is the Transit Element of the Regional Transportation Plan. She noted that this element helps implement the region’s Climate Smart Strategy. It includes updates to the transit policies and strategies from the 2014 RTP. She pointed out things that are new:

- New language in the Transit Vision
- 4 new transit policies to create seamless system, preserving and maintaining system, and addressing emerging technologies around the region and being more forward thinking.
- Enhanced Transit Concept – funding from RFFA to look at projects that will improve the speed of transit on currently congested corridors
- Modified the definition of High Capacity Transit to address Bus Rapid Transit and Enhanced Transit Corridors.
- Added the Columbia to Clackamas corridor and removed the future high capacity transit to Damascus (which has disincorporated since the last RTP).

Chris Damgen asked if there are any changes between this version of the map and the last one at the MTAC meeting. Jamie noted that only the symbology has changed.

- **2018 Regional Transportation Plan Project list update** – Staff

Jessica Berry pointed out the handouts include both a large table and a draft letter. She noted that last summer staff brought this committee a list of projects to be submitted for the regional transportation plan. This item today includes an update based on new revenue from HB2017 and recommendation from the public engagement process. The request at this meeting is to have the committee endorse the changes to the RTP lists. Councilor Craddick asked if there was any prioritization within the three lists. Jessica said no. Mayor Tosterud asked when we would be prioritizing the projects within the list. Jessica noted that this happens when grants are available and we evaluate and recommend projects to fund. Joanna noted there is also the East Metro Connections Plan which we use to prioritize projects.

Mayor Tosterud made a motion to approve the list and endorsement letter. Mayor Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- **JPACT Updates** – Councilor Shirley Craddick and Jamie Snook, Metro

Councilor Craddick noted that she likes having this item later in the agenda. She then provided an overview of items on the agenda that had not already been discussed. This includes the MTIP amendment. She noted another consent agenda item is the RFFA project development funds for active transportation projects. She noted this was at EMCTC last month. She noted a few other items, including Jamie’s item on Transit and the Emerging Technologies Strategy. Also the Draft Freight Strategy will be on the agenda. Jamie noted that the reason the strategies are all coming to JPACT now is that Metro is trying to produce a Public Review Draft of the RTP to make available soon.

- **Project Updates, Staff**

- **Division Transit and Development Project Update:**
- **Safe Routes to School Update:**
- **East Metro Connections Plan Implementation:**
- **ODOT Region1 ACT Update:**

- **Main Streets on Halsey Street Corridor:** Mayor Tosterud noted they had a meeting with Johnson Economics and looked at what they'll be doing in the next 9 months with the current grant. He noted Oregon Solutions is coming out next Thursday and they'll do a bus tour.
 - **RTP Update:**
 - **Multnomah County CIPP:**
 - **ODOT Value Pricing:** Joanna noted that ODOT Value Pricing Committee met this morning and she suggested people download Technical Memo 4 from the ODOT website (Jessica will send to committee) because these are the recommendation that the group wants to pilot and test. This is a key time to review and provide comment. Joanna noted that she'll meet with and explain the Value Pricing to anyone who is interested.
 - **Historic Highway Congestion and Transportation Safety Plan:**
 - **Pleasant Valley TSP refinement:** Katherine Kelly noted the plan currently has 5 alternatives that she'll go over and will be bringing at item to the next EMCTC meeting (June).
 - **Columbia to Clackamas Corridor Plan:**
 - **Troutdale Town Center Plan update:** Chris noted the Troutdale Town Center Plan open house will be on May 23rd from 4pm to 8pm.
- **Other Business**
Eve noted that Trimet is kicking off listening sessions with their new general manager. And outreach about service enhancements as part of HB 2017 priorities.
 - **Next EMCTC Meeting:** June 18, 2018
Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm